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Process

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSIVE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 21, 1997

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. Amended. An apparatus for the coating and delivery  
of beneficial insects which comprises:

a. a hopper for the temporary storage of insects  
and which hopper has a constricted opening at the bottom in  
communication with,

b. an insect metering device for controlling the  
flow of a determinable finite amount of insects from said  
hopper,

c. a delivery tube having an inlet end and an  
outlet end, and

d. a tubular chamber having an outlet end and an  
inlet end for the introduction of air into said chamber, and  
having at least one fluid injector, disposed within said  
chamber, for the introduction of a binder solution at a  
location aft the outlet of the delivery tube, but within  
said chamber from a source of said solution [thereof into an  
airstream],

said metering device in communication with the  
inlet of the delivery tube; the outlet of the delivery tube  
being flared and said tube being disposed within the chamber  
and in communication with the interior of said chamber,

whereby when air is introduced through the inlet  
end of the chamber, an airstream is formed that moves